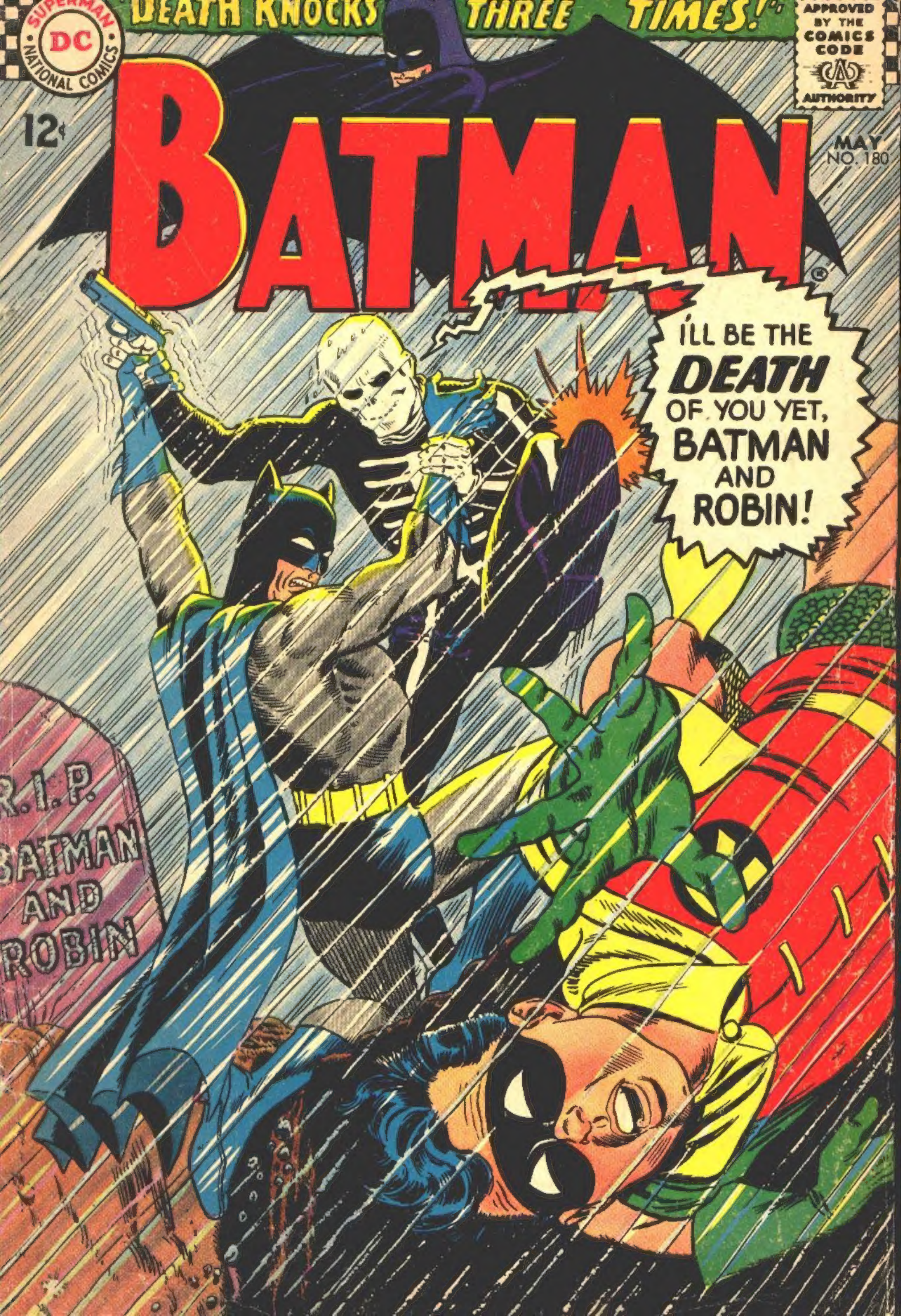
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A SHATTERING NOVEL OF SINISTER SUSPENSE STARRING --
BATMAN
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AND THE SPECTRAL VICTIM WHO HAUNTS THEM -- DEATH-MAN!
SOONER OR LATER, EVERY CRIMINAL, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL, HOW CLEVER, HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO JUSTICE BY BATMAN, AND ROBIN! NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, A NIGHTMARISH FIGURE APPEARS WHO SLIPS THROUGH BATMAN'S FINGERS LIKE SMOKE -- A MACABRE MENACE WHO SEEMS TO BE BEYOND THE FAR-FLUNG REACH OF LAW ITSELF! LISTEN FOR A SOUND YOU WILL NEVER FORGET AS LONG AS YOU LIVE WHEN --
"DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES!"
BOB KANE

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BRUCE WAYNE, MILLIONAIRE PLAYBOY, AND HIS PROTÉGÉ DICK GRAYSON ARE GUESTS AT A PENTHOUSE SHOWING OF GOTHAM CITY'S SWANKIEST GEM DEALER...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN--YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE PRICELESS "RUBIES OF FIRE" COLLECTION!
AH, MR. WAYNE! THE INTERNATIONAL BEAUTIES YOU SURROUND YOURSELF WITH--RIVAL MY PRECIOUS GEMS! MAY I BORROW THEM TO MODEL MY DISPLAY?
HELP YOURSELF!
OOOOOOH--!
YOU GIRLS WON'T BE SO HAPPY WHEN YOU FIND YOU CAN'T TAKE HOME ANY "SAMPLES"!
TERROR SEIZES THE AUDIENCE BY THE THROAT AT THE SUDDEN SIGHT OF AN EERILY GARBED FIGURE..
YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU--SO I'M TAKIN' IT WITH ME! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
GET SET, DICK! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM THAT COSTUMED CLOWN!
BUT--LIKE DEATHLY DARK SHADOWS--APPEAR...
IF ANY OF YOU ARE RASH ENOUGH TO TRY TO STOP ME--MY HENCHMEN WILL SEE THAT YOU REACH A DEAD END! HA-HA-HA-HA!
FROM THE FUNEREAL FIGURE--AN ICY WARNING...
LIVE A LITTLE! DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW ME THROUGH THIS DOOR! GUNS WILL BE AIMED AT IT UNTIL I'M GONE! FAREWELL!
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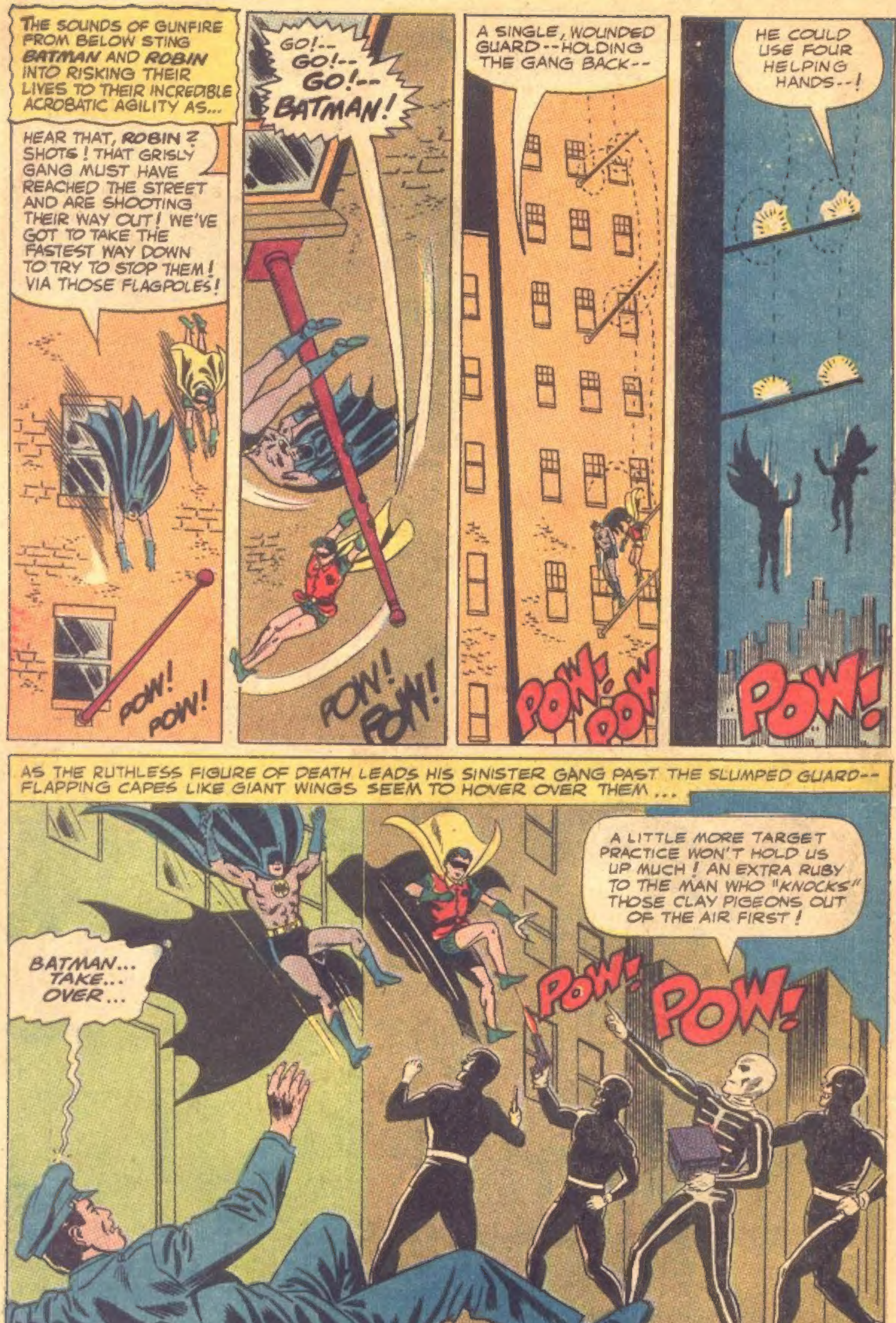
WHILE THE AUDIENCE STARES NUMBLY...
WE CAN'T RISK GOING AFTER THAT WISE-CRACKING PHANTOM BY THE DOOR! HE MAY HAVE PLANTED A HOOD THERE TO GUN DOWN ANYONE COMING THROUGH! AND WILD SHOTS COULD KILL SOMEONE INSIDE!
WE'LL CHANGE AND FOLLOW HIM DOWN THE FIRE-ESCAPE!
IT'LL BE A 20-STORY CHASE!
MOMENTS LATER, THE UNIQUE TEAM OF BATMAN THE MASTER DETECTIVE, AND ROBIN THE BOY WONDER, DANGLE IN DIZZY SPACE AS...
WE'LL HAVE TO SLIDE DOWN THIS PIPE! I FORGOT THE BUILDING IS FIRE-PROOF--NO FIRE-ESCAPES!
NOW YOU TELL ME!
SUDDENLY, THE DARING DUO'S SPECTACULAR SLIDE COMES TO AN END WHEN...
LOOKS LIKE WE'VE RUN OUT OF PIPE! AND WE'VE STILL TEN FLOORS TO GO!
AT THAT MOMENT--A LONE GUARD VALIANTLY TRIES TO HALT THE ESCAPING GANG LED BY THEIR EERIE LEADER...
THE FOOL--GIVING UP HIS LIFE--JUST TO HOLD ME FOR A FEW SECONDS!
HE'S GOT ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF STOPPING YOU--DEATH-MAN--AS HE'D HAVE OF STOPPING A TIDAL WAVE WITH A TEA CUP!
POW! POW!
CRACK!


THE SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE FROM BELOW STING BATMAN AND ROBIN INTO RISKING THEIR LIVES TO THEIR INCREDIBLE ACROBATIC AGILITY AS...
HEAR THAT, ROBIN? SHOTS! THAT GRISLY GANG MUST HAVE REACHED THE STREET AND ARE SHOOTING THEIR WAY OUT! WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE FASTEST WAY DOWN TO TRY TO STOP THEM! VIA THOSE FLAGPOLES!
POW! POW!
GO!-- GO!-- GO!-- BATMAN!
POW! POW!
A SINGLE, WOUNDED GUARD--HOLDING THE GANG BACK--
POW! POW!
HE COULD USE FOUR HELPING HANDS--!
POW!
AS THE RUTHLESS FIGURE OF DEATH LEADS HIS SINISTER GANG PAST THE SLUMPED GUARD-- FLAPPING CAPES LIKE GIANT WINGS SEEM TO HOVER OVER THEM...
BATMAN... TAKE... OVER...
A LITTLE MORE TARGET PRACTICE WON'T HOLD US UP MUCH! AN EXTRA RUBY TO THE MAN WHO "KNOCKS" THOSE CLAY PIGEONS OUT OF THE AIR FIRST!
POW! POW!

LIKE CURVED ROCKETS, THE DYNAMIC DUO'S BATARANGS SCREECH INTO THE GUNMEN...
FIRE ONE!
WROOOOOSH!
POW!
FIRE TWO!
WHOOOSH
SOK!
SOK!
POW!
SQUASH THOSE "BUGS"-- TILL THEY'VE NO MORE "STING" LEFT!
THIS GUNSEL HAS A JAW LIKE IRON!
BAM!
CRACK!
BET MY "WALTZING PARTNER'S" JAW IS HARDER!
POW!
SOK!
SOK!
YOU'RE RIGHT, ROBIN!
NO, BATMAN! YOU'RE RIGHT!
SOK!
SOK!
UH-OH! SORRY I "BOWLED" ONE INTO YOUR "ALLEY", ROBIN!
MISTAKES HAPPEN, BATMAN! DON'T STOP "PLAYING" ON OUR ACCOUNT! RIGHT, FELLAS?
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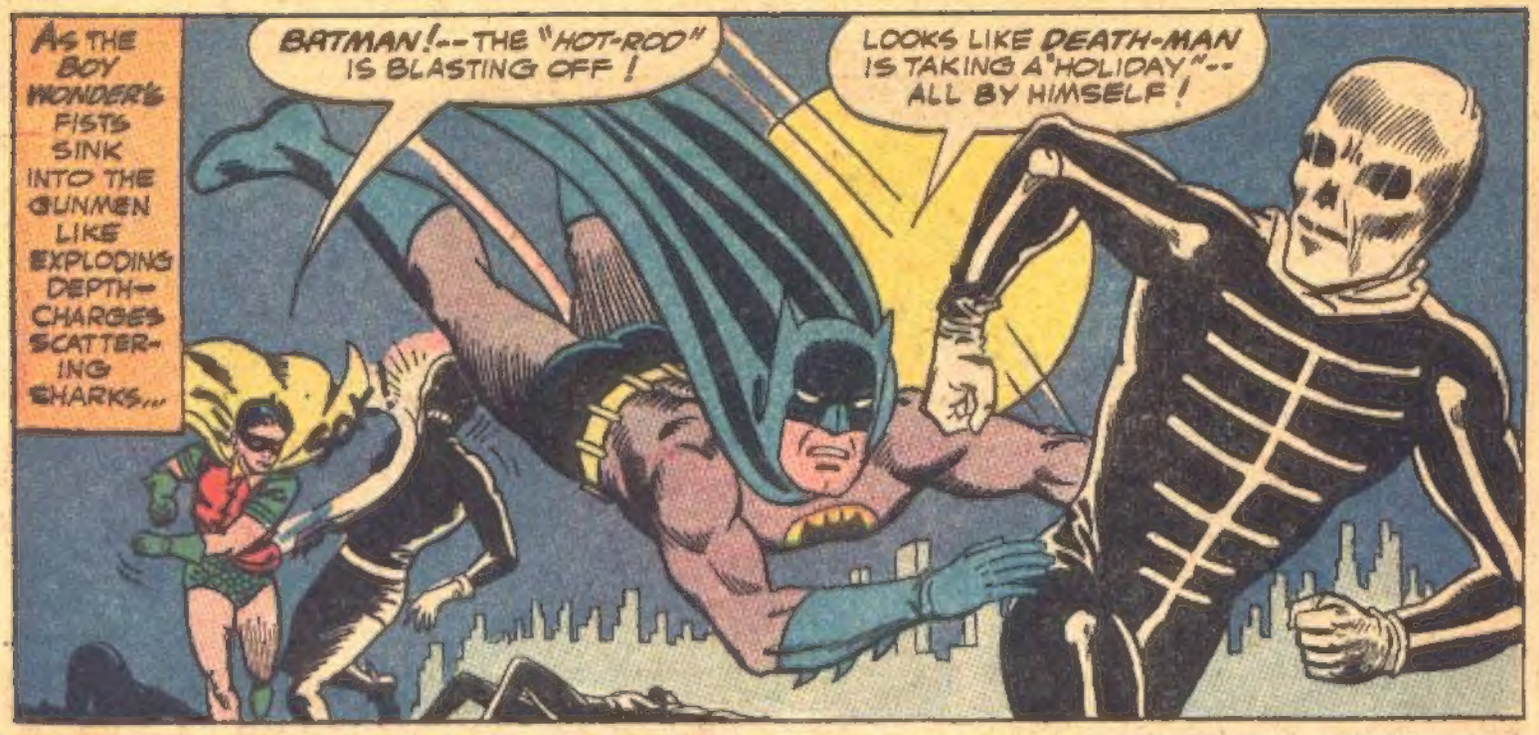
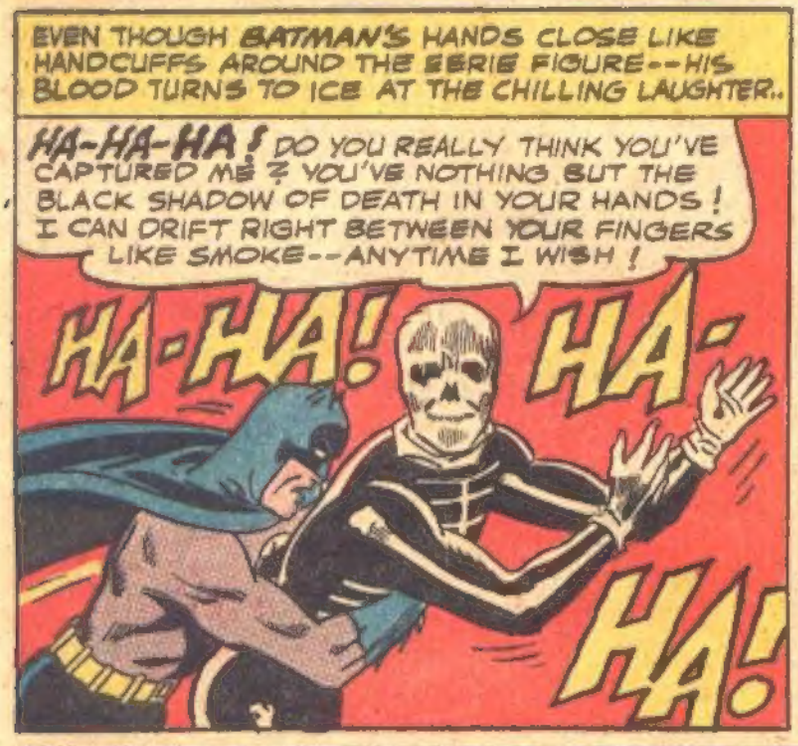

AS THE BOY WONDER'S FISTS SINK INTO THE GUNMEN LIKE EXPLODING DEPTH-CHARGES SCATTERING SHARKS...
BATMAN!--THE "HOT-ROD" IS BLASTING OFF!
LOOKS LIKE DEATH-MAN IS TAKING A "HOLIDAY"--ALL BY HIMSELF!


EVEN THOUGH BATMAN'S HANDS CLOSE LIKE HANDCUFFS AROUND THE EERIE FIGURE--HIS BLOOD TURNS TO ICE AT THE CHILLING LAUGHTER..
HA-HA-HA! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME? YOU'VE NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH IN YOUR HANDS! I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH!
HA-HA! HA-
HA!

I NEVER HEARD ANY CRIMINAL SO CONFIDENT OF ESCAPE! AT THE VERY MOMENT OF HIS CAPTURE! HOW COULD HE BE SO SURE? HOW?--HOW?--HOW?
HA!
HA!
HA!
THE EERIE BATTLE BEWEEN BATMAN AND HIS SPECTRAL FOE CONTINUES WITH SOARING SUSPENSE ON THE 4 TH PAGE FOLLOWING!

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HOW DO YOU KEEP ALL YOUR SMALL MODEL PARTS IN ORDER? MINE SEEM TO GET ALL OVER THE PLACE!
I FOUND A GREAT WAY!
I SAVE ALL MY MOM'S EMPTY MATCHBOXES!
THEY MAKE A DANDY SET OF DRAWERS...
WHEN I GLUE THEM TOGETHER LIKE THIS!
MATCHES
GLUE
BOY, THAT'S NEAT! EVERYTHING'S EASY TO GET AT!

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A teen-age "Revolt at Harrison High" brings DC's JUNIOR SUPER-HEROES to battle a sinister hot-rod king who uses high-school dropouts as dupes for crime, in the May-June TEEN TITANS, No. 3, on sale March 22.

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"Captives of the Golden Goddess!" That's what the gallant SEA DEVILS become when they're transported to an underwater civilization in a land of gold! This is one place they may never come out of alive! May-June issue, No. 29, on sale March 15.

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HEALTH MYTHS DEBUNKED!

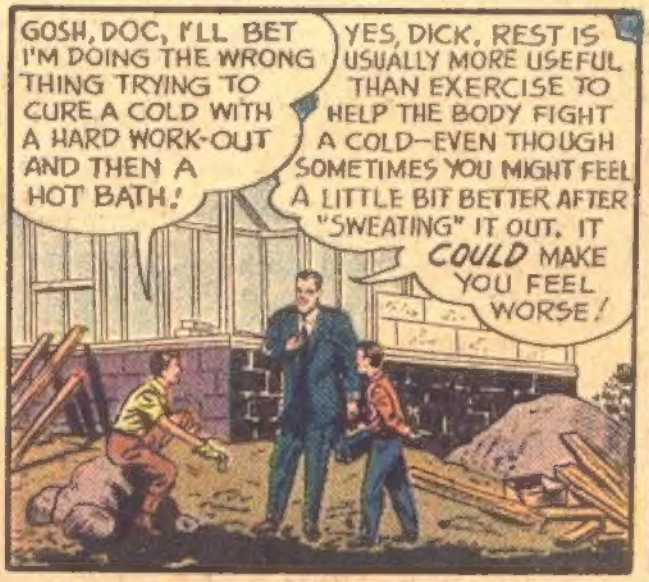
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT NAIL YOU STEPPED ON WAS A NEW ONE! YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEE A DOCTOR, DICK--ONLY A *RUSTY* NAIL IS DANGEROUS!
WRONG, YOUNG MAN! LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT THAT! *ANY* PUNCTURE WOUND SHOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF!

AS LONG AS THE THING THAT CAUSED THE WOUND TOUCHED DIRT, IT COULD CARRY DANGEROUS INVISIBLE GERMS, LIKE TETANUS--IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A *RUSTY* OBJECT! THAT'S ONLY ONE OF THE MANY MYTHS ABOUT HEALTH THAT SHOULD BE EXPOSED!

"MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT A GOOD WAY TO TREAT FROSTBITE IS TO RUB THE FROZEN PART WITH SNOW..."
"*FALSE!* GRADUAL WARMING IS NEEDED--BUT *RUBBING* WITH SNOW OR ANYTHING ELSE WOULD ONLY DAMAGE *MORE* TISSUE!"

"OR THAT A PIECE OF RAW MEAT SHOULD BE USED TO TREAT A BLACK EYE..."
"*FALSE!* A COLD COMPRESS MAY MAKE IT FEEL BETTER AND CAN HELP REDUCE SWELLING AT FIRST, BUT A PIECE OF MEAT WON'T AFFECT SWELLING OR DISCOLORATION!"

"OR THAT CUTTING OR SHAVING A PERSON'S HAIR MORE OFTEN MAKES IT GROW FASTER..."
"*FALSE!* THE RATE OF GROWTH OF HAIR IS DETERMINED BY THE HAIR ROOTS OR FOLLICLES *BENEATH* THE SKIN, BY HEREDITY AND GENERAL HEALTH!"


GOSH, DOC, I'LL BET I'M DOING THE WRONG THING TRYING TO CURE A COLD WITH A HARD WORK-OUT AND THEN A HOT BATH!
YES, DICK, REST IS USUALLY MORE USEFUL THAN EXERCISE TO HELP THE BODY FIGHT A COLD--EVEN THOUGH SOMETIMES YOU MIGHT FEEL A LITTLE BIT BETTER AFTER "SWEATING" IT OUT. IT *COULD* MAKE YOU FEEL WORSE!

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YEAH, THE KATS SURE DIG MY CUSTOM '29 FORD, KAT!

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MON-EL, THE WONDER-BOY FROM DAXAM--BEFORE HE JOINED THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES!

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VIDAL, THE KENTS' SECOND SUPER-SON!

KID KRYPTON, THE SUPER-LAD WHO'S SMARTER than SUPERBOY!

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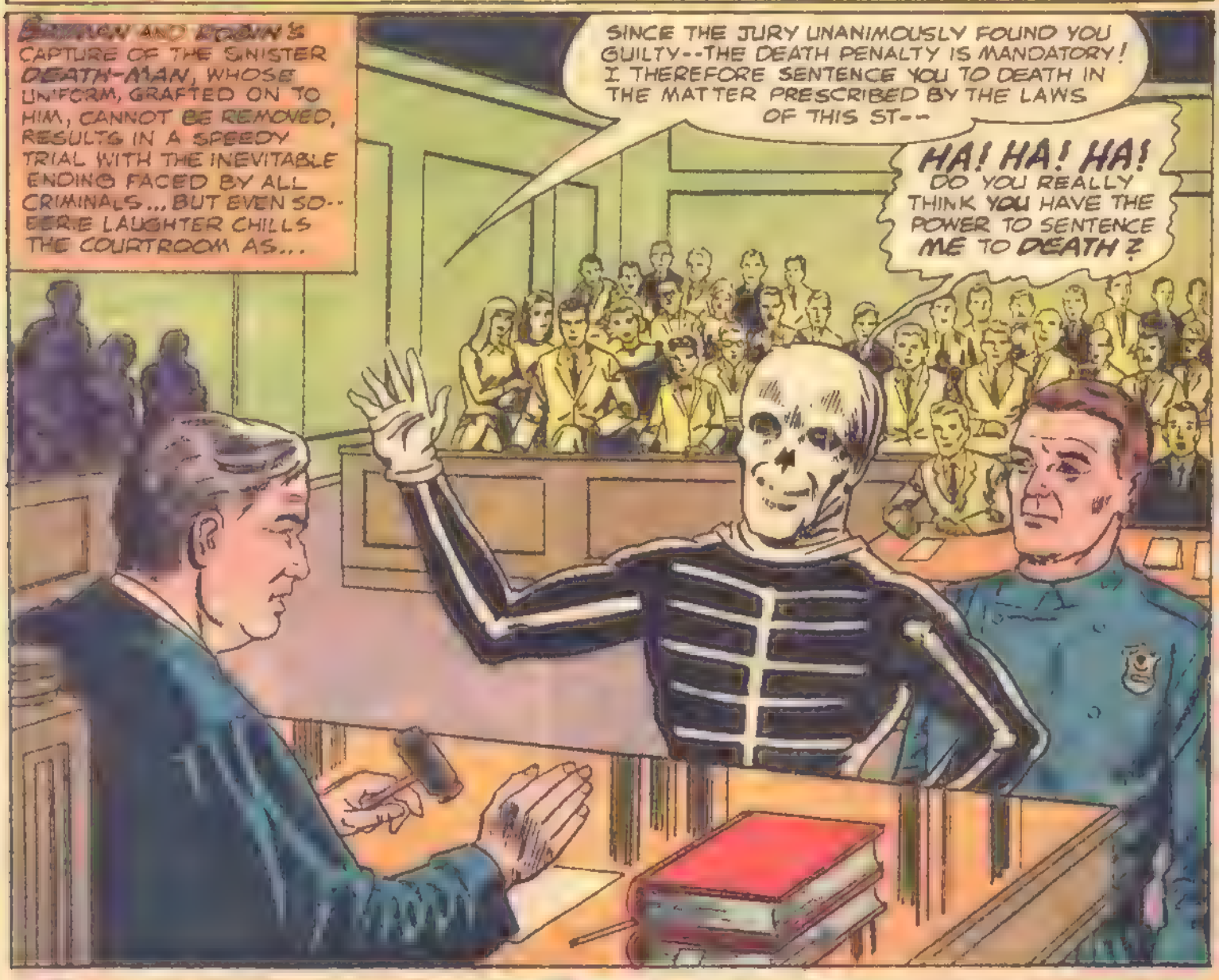
BARRON AND BROWN'S CAPTURE OF THE SINISTER DEATH-MAN, WHOSE UNIFORM, GRAFTED ON TO HIM, CANNOT BE REMOVED, RESULTS IN A SPEEDY TRIAL WITH THE INEVITABLE ENDING FACED BY ALL CRIMINALS... BUT EVEN SO-- EERIE LAUGHTER CHILLS THE COURTROOM AS...
SINCE THE JURY UNANIMOUSLY FOUND YOU GUILTY--THE DEATH PENALTY IS MANDATORY! I THEREFORE SENTENCE YOU TO DEATH IN THE MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE LAWS OF THIS ST--
HA! HA! HA! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SENTENCE ME TO DEATH?

I--AND I ALONE POSSESS THE POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH! I AM BEYOND YOUR FEEBLE LAWS! YOU CAN NO MORE JAIL A SHADOW--OR PUNISH IT-- THAN M-M-M--

IN GOTHAM'S TAVERN-ON-THE-GREEN, AFTER THE SPECTACULAR CONCLUSION TO THE TRIAL...
BRUCE?... BRUCE, DARLING--YOU'RE NOT WITH US!
THAT'S OBVIOUS, DARLING! ISN'T HE, DARLINGS?
BUT-- WHERE IS HE?
EXCUSE ME, GIRLS! I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING I HAD TO DO! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK--IN A DAY OR SO! CHARLES--SEE THAT THE LADIES HAVE EVERYTHING THEY WANT!
THEY'LL LACK FOR NOTHING-- EXCEPT YOUR COMPANY, MR. WAYNE!
THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN AND HIS YOUTHFUL WARD HURRY TO THE BATCAVE WHERE...
MAYBE YOU'LL THINK I'M FLIPPING--BUT I CAN'T GET DEATH-MAN'S MOCKING LAUGHTER-- JUST WHEN I CAUGHT HIM--OUT OF MY HEAD! HOW COULD HE HAVE BEEN SO CONFIDENT HE WOULDN'T PAY FOR HIS CRIME?
I'VE BEEN BUGGED BY THE SAME THING! HE SEEMED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HIM-- RIGHT UP TO THE VERY MOMENT OF SENTENCING!
IT ISN'T HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO BE THAT CONFIDENT! UNLESS--HE WAS ABSOLUTELY POSITIVE THAT HE WOULD ESCAPE THROUGH THE USE OF SOME GIMMICK THAT WE WERE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF!
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OF CHECKING-- AND YOU'RE TAKING IT!
AT A GRAVEYARD, AT THE CITY'S OUTSKIRTS...
I COULD HAVE SWORN--? WELL, IT DOESN'T MATTER NOW! IT'S DEATH-MAN ALL RIGHT! DESPITE ALL HIS MOCKING LAUGHTER AT ME--AND THE LAW!
LOOKS LIKE THE LAST LAUGH WAS ON HIM!

BUT, IN THE NIGHTS THAT FOLLOW--BRUCE IS HAUNTED BY HOLLOW LAUGHTER...
FOOL! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME?
HA! HA! HA!
HA!
HA!
YOU'VE NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH IN YOUR HANDS! I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH!
HA! HA! HA!
HA HA HA HA HA
JUST IMAGINE--I COULD KILL YOU--AND NO LAW COULD TOUCH ME--BECAUSE--HOW CAN YOU PROSECUTE A DEAD MAN?
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA!
NO! NO! NO!
WAKE UP, BRUCE! WAKE UP! YOU MUST HAVE BEEN HAVING A KING-SIZE NIGHTMARE! I HEARD YOUR MOANS CLEAR ACROSS TO MY ROOM! WHAT WAS IT? SOMETHING YOU ATE?
N-NO..."SOMETHING" I CAN'T "DIGEST"...I--I THINK A CHANGE OF SCENE WILL DO ME GOOD--HELP ME FORGET SOMETHING THAT NEEDS FORGETTING! TELL YOU WHAT--LET'S GO SCUBA-DIVING--IN JAMAICA--
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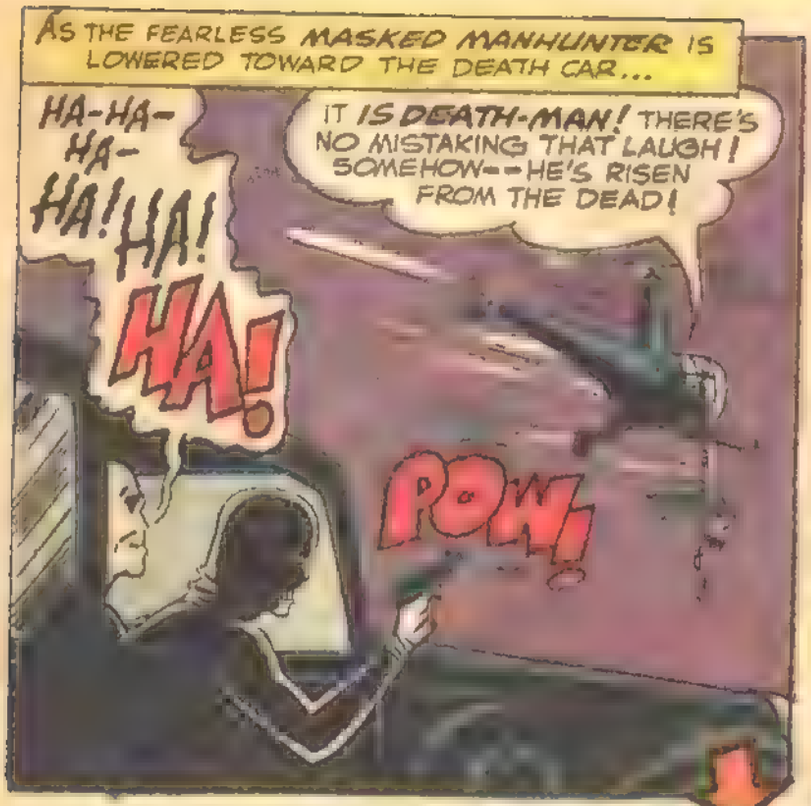
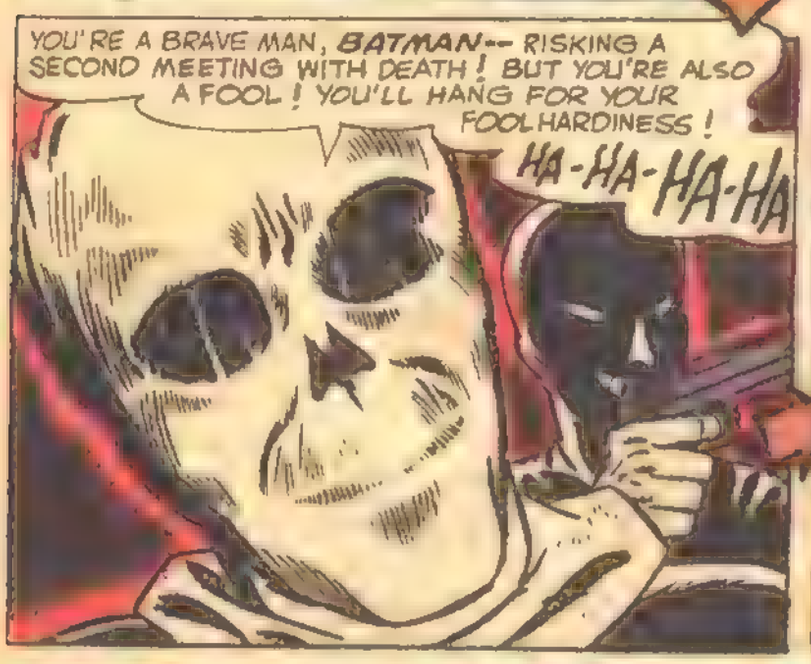
A FEW DAYS LATER...
THIS MUST BE WHAT THEY CALL "DRYLAND" FISHING! EVER SINCE WE LANDED HERE -- BRUCE HASN'T BEEN NEARER WATER THAN THE ICE IN THAT SOFT DRINK HE'S BEEN DIVING INTO--
FLASH! DEATH-MAN HAS STRUCK AND KILLED AGAIN! THIS TIME IN BAY CITY!-- THE KILLER-- SENTENCED TO DEATH AFTER BEING CAPTURED BY BAT-MAN -- HAS BEEN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY EYE-WITNESSES AT THE SCENE OF HIS LATEST CRIME!
SORRY, GIRLS! I'VE A JET TO CATCH!
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!
A SPEEDY JET-FLIGHT... AND A SWIFT CHANGE IN THE BATCAVE...
EYE-WITNESSES HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO SLIP UP IN MAKING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATIONS...
POSITIVELY!
WE BOTH SAW DEATH-MAN TOPPLE DEAD! WE SAW HIM IN HIS GRAVE! THIS CAN'T BE HIM! IT MUST BE SOME GOON IMPERSONATING HIM!
WE'LL FIND OUT-- WHEN WE GET TO BAY CITY!

AS THE BAT-COPTER GLIDES TOWARD BAT CITY...
A.R.B.!--DEATH-MAN AND HIS NEW HENCHMEN WERE LAST SEEN HEADING FOR ROUTE 66-A--IN THE BLACK FUNERAL COACH IN WHICH THEY MADE THEIR GETAWAY FROM THEIR LATEST HOLDUP! IT IS REPORTED ARMORED AS BULLETS HAVE RICOCHETED OFF ITS SIDES...
BLACK FUNERAL COACH SPEEDING ALONG ROUTE 66-A! THAT MUST BE IT BELOW! I'LL GO NEARER AND CHECK--
AS A HAIL OF BULLETS SUDDENLY POURS FROM THE RACING GETAWAY CAR...
WE "KNOCKED" AND THEY "ANSWERED" WITH LEAD! IT'S THE GANG ALL RIGHT! BUT WHETHER IT'S DEATH-MAN IS ANOTHER MATTER!
SEEING IS BELIEVING! LET'S SEE!
BOOM-OOOM!
FOW! FOW! FOW!
FROM THE SWOOPING BAT-COPTER HURTLE...
OUR SMOKE-GRENADES COULD STOP THEM--BUT THEY MISSED!
MAYBE THE BEST WAY TO SCORE A BULL'S-EYE--IS TO STAND RIGHT ON IT!
MISSED
HEY--THAT'S NOT FAIR, BATMAN! IT WAS MY IDEA!
AGE BEFORE BRAINS, ROBIN! I NEED A COOL, STEADY HAND AT THE CONTROLS! LOWER AWAY--RIGHT ONTO THE TARGET!


AS THE FEARLESS MASKED MANHUNTER IS LOWERED TOWARD THE DEATH CAR...
HA-HA-HA-HA! HA! HA!
IT IS DEATH-MAN! THERE'S NO MISTAKING THAT LAUGH! SOMEHOW--HE'S RISEN FROM THE DEAD!
POW!


YOU'RE A BRAVE MAN, BATMAN-- RISKING A SECOND MEETING WITH DEATH! BUT YOU'RE ALSO A FOOL! YOU'LL HANG FOR YOUR FOOLHARDINESS!
HA-HA-HA-HA

AS IF BY THE FIGURE-OF-DEATH'S COMMAND, A VIOLENT GUST OF WIND ALMOST HURLS BATMAN FROM HIS PRECARIOUS PERCH...
WHIIISSSH!
HOW CONSIDERATE OF YOU, BATMAN! JUST HANG THERE ONE MOMENT MORE-- AND I'LL TAKE YOU WITH ME LIKE A DEER SLUNG OVER THE HOOD! HA! HA! HA!
POW! POW!

THE ASTOUNDING CONCLUSION TO "DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES" WILL MAKE YOU DOUBT YOUR OWN SENSES--AS IT CONTINUES WITH BOILING SUSPENSE ON THE 3[rd] PAGE FOLLOWING !!

An APOLOGY to OUR FANS —
FOR PICKING THIS CHARACTER TO BE THE LEADER OF
The INFERIOR five
THE MOST DISASTROUS COLLECTION OF DUMB CLUCKS IN DC HISTORY!

YOU'VE MET SUPERMAN! YOU'VE MET THE FLASH! NOW MEET THE HERO WHO IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING LIKE THEM--WHO IS IN FACT, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!
MERRYMAN

IF YOU'VE GOT 12¢ TO WASTE, BUY THE MAY-JUNE ISSUE OF SHOWCASE ON SALE MAR. 24th

IF YOU'RE SURE YOU'RE NOT AFRAID TO WALK THROUGH A GRAVEYARD AT MIDNIGHT--THEN GO AHEAD AND GASP AT THE STARTLING CONCONCLUSION TO...

DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES

AS HE DANGLES PRECARIOUSLY UP-S'DE DOWN FROM THE BAT-COPTER, LIKE AN ABRIAL TON-TARGET, BATMAN HEARS THE UNMISTAKABLE CHILLING LAUGHTER OF...

HA-HA-HA--ISN'T IT NICE OF BATMAN TO GIVE US TARGET PRACTICE!

WE'LL FILL HIM SO FULL OF SLUGS HE'LL BE ABLE TO SELL SHARES IN HIMSELF LIKE HE WAS A LEAD MINE!

THAT SPINE-FREEZER! IT'S DEATH-MAN'S LAUGH ALL RIGHT! LIKE A BUZZARD AT A BANQUET!

THE MASKED DETECTIVE'S DARING TOSS EXPLODES THE SMOKE GRENADE RIGHT ON THE GETAWAY CAR'S HOOD!

CAN'T SEE--!

THEY'LL BE LAUGHING WITH SMOKE IN THEIR EYES!

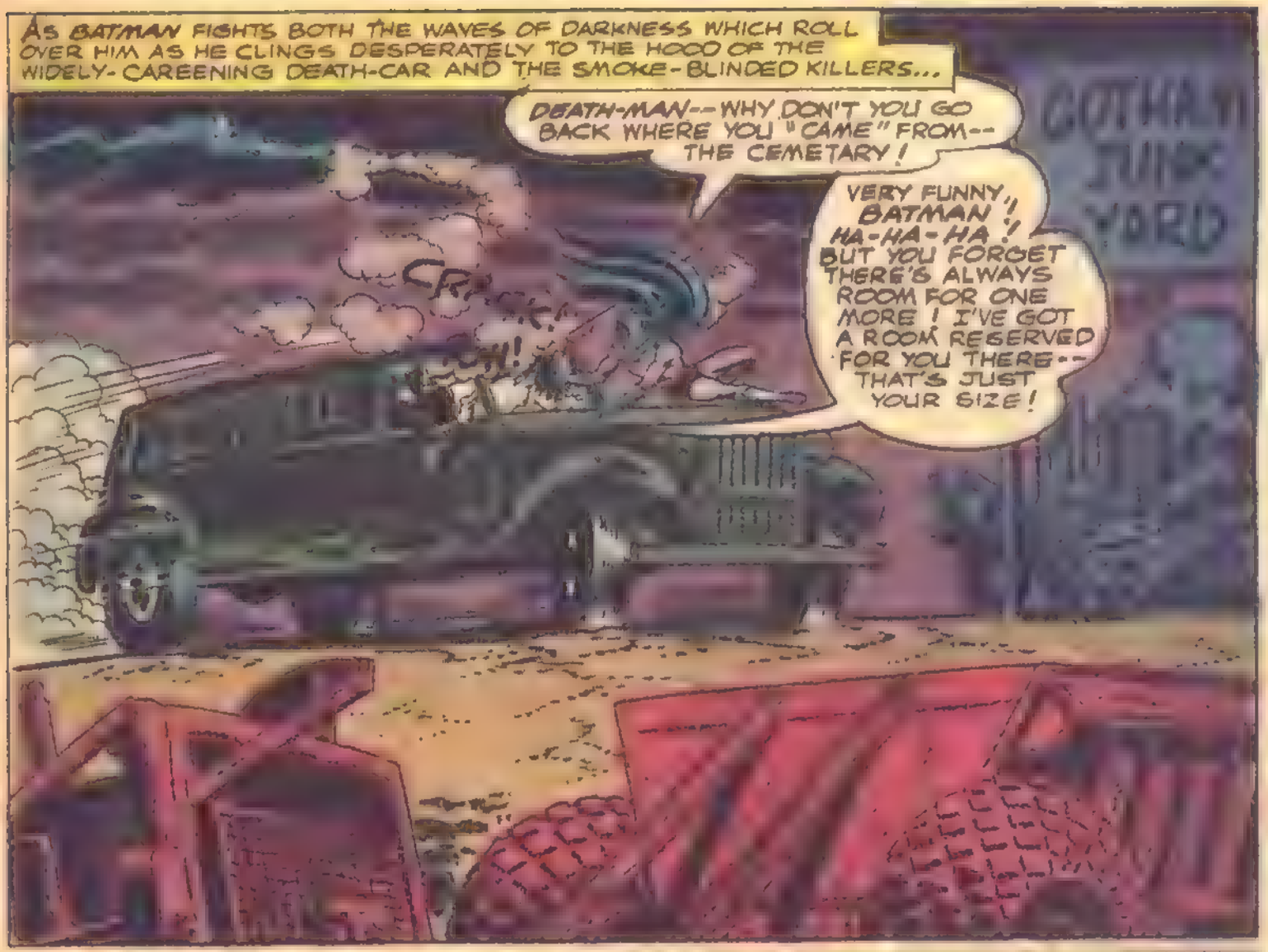
BAM!

SSSSSHHH!

AND THEN--BY FATE'S GRIMMEST IRONY...

THE KILLER'S GETAWAY CAR--RUNNING BLIND--! RAMMED BATMAN ONTO ITS HOOD!

THUD!


AS BATMAN FIGHTS BOTH THE WAVES OF DARKNESS WHICH ROLL OVER HIM AS HE CLINGS DESPERATELY TO THE HOOD OF THE WIDELY-CAREENING DEATH-CAR AND THE SMOKE-BLINDED KILLERS...
DEATH-MAN--WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK WHERE YOU "CAME" FROM--THE CEMETARY!
VERY FUNNY, BATMAN! HA-HA-HA! BUT YOU FORGET THERE'S ALWAYS ROOM FOR ONE MORE! I'VE GOT A ROOM RESERVED FOR YOU THERE--THAT'S JUST YOUR SIZE!
CRACK!
OOH!
GOTHAM JUNK YARD

THE MASKED DETECTIVE'S WILD PUNCHES FORCES THE GANGSTER GETAWAY CAR TO ZIGZAG CRAZILY INTO...
WE'RE IN A "GRAVEYARD" OF RUSTING MACHINES!
POW!
POW!
SCREECH!

AS THE CAR SCREECHES AROUND THE JUMBLE OF MACHINERY...
THIS IS THE END OF THE RIDE FOR YOU, BATMAN! AND THERE ARE NO "TRANSFERS" ON THIS LINE!
SWOOSH!!!

AS BATMAN LIES MOMENTARILY STUNNED, THE DEATH-CAR BACKS UP...
I CAN GUARANTEE YOU GUYS ONE THING! UNLIKE ME-- WHEN THEY PRONOUNCE BATMAN DEAD;- HE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK FOR A "REPEAT" PERFORMANCE!
DEATH-MAN-- YOU KILL ME! HA-HA-HA!
THAT GOON'S GOT IT WRONG--DEATH-MAN'S AIMING TO KILL ME!
AT THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND, AS THE CRUSHING WHEELS WH'RL DOWN AT HIM...
I'LL ROLL IN BETWEEN THE WHEELS WHERE THAT GIGGLING GHOUL WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE ME!
WE DIDN'T GET BATMAN! AFTER HIM!
WHOOSH!
I DON'T LIKE THIS "BALL GAME"! NOT WHEN DEATH-MAN'S USING ME FOR THE "BALL"!
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE PLACES WITH THAT DEMOLITION BALL... BEFORE DEATH-MAN TAKES ANOTHER "SWING" AT ME!
GRIMLY, THE MASTER ATHLETE HURLS HIS ENTIRE WEIGHT AGAINST THE MASSIVE IRON BALL AS...
HERE HE COMES! BUT--I HAVEN'T MADE THE BALL SWING HARD ENOUGH TO PUT A DIMPLE IN A BLONDE'S CHEEK!
POW!
AS BATMAN DESPERATELY SWINGS BACK ON THE HUGE BALL...
BATMAN IS PUTTING ON A GOOD ACT! BUT LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S HIS "FAREWELL PERFORMANCE"! APPLAUD HIM WITH LEAD!

BUT, THE ACE ATHLETE SOMERSAULTS AWAY FROM THE CRUSHING IRON BALL JUST AS...
CRASH!
BONG!
I HOPE THE "HOUSE-WRECKERS UNION" WON'T BE MAD AT ME FOR WORKING WITHOUT A CARD! BUT I HAD TO TAKE THIS "JOB" IN A HURRY!
AS THE FEARLESS CRIME-FIGHTER FACES THE SNARLING GUNMEN--THE ICY-VOICED DEATH-MAN COMMANDS...
BATMAN'S NOT LIKE ME! HE'S ONLY HUMAN! FILL HIM FULL OF HOLES! AND WE'LL WRAP HIM UP LIKE SWISS CHEESE!
BAM!
AT THAT MOMENT...
AS FAR AS I KNOW, BATMAN CAN'T SWALLOW SWORDS, GOLDFISH OR LEAD! I'D BETTER GO DOWN TO GIVE HIM A HAND!
LIKE A HUMAN WRECKING BALL, THE BOY WONDER CATAPULTS INTO THE STARTLED GANG...
WHAT ACT ARE YOU AUDITIONING, ROBIN?
AS LONG AS THE 'COPTER CIRCLES ON AUTOMATIC PILOT--I'LL BE ABLE TO PLAY "POP GOES THE 'COPTER WEASELS" WITH THESE--WHAT ELSE?

WHILE THE DARING ROBIN WHIRLS AROUND THE STARTLED GUNMEN...
LET'S PLAY MERRY-GO-ROUND...
I'LL GO ROUND WHILE YOU BE MERRY...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? NOBODY WANT TO PLAY?
ZOK!
SOK!
BAM!
THE MASKED MANHUNTER IS ON A PERILOUS CHASE AS...
DEATH-MAN IS ESCAPING -- COVERED BY THREE OF HIS GUNSELS! IF I DON'T CATCH HIM -- I'LL NEVER FIND OUT HOW HE ESCAPED FROM HIS LAST "REST HOME" AFTER HE WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD!
BATMAN SNEAKS AROUND IN FRONT OF THE KILLERS UNTIL...
I'LL ROOST UP HERE IN THIS STEAM SHOVEL UNTIL THEY PASS UNDER ME! HOPE THEY DON'T SPOT ME FIRST-- OR I'LL BE A DEAD ROOSTER!

MOMENTS LATER, THE SHADOWY DEATH-MAN AND HIS RUTHLESS KILLERS RACE TOWARD...
LOOKS LIKE OUR SLUGS SCARED THE CAPE OFF BATMAN!
THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD JOKE FOR A HIGH CLASS MORON LIKE YOU! HA-HA-HA!
GOSH-- WISH DEATH-MAN WOULD PRAISE ME LIKE THAT!
SUDDENLY...
HOW SPORTING OF YOU, BATMAN--GIVING MY MEN A BETTER SHOT AT YOU! HE'S EASY GAME NOW, MEN!
POW!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU, DEATH-MAN--?
I'M NOT PLAYING GAMES ANYMORE--
PERIOD!
POW!
BOK!
SOK!
RELENTLESSLY, THE MAN-HUNTER CLOSES IN ON THE EERIE KILLER...
FOOL! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CORNERED ME? HA-HA-HA-HA!
HOW CAN HE LAUGH WHEN HE KNOWS I'VE REALLY GOT HIM BOXED IN? WHAT DOES HE KNOW--THAT I DON'T?
POW!
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EVEN AS BATMAN'S HANDS CLOSE IN ON HIS FOE LIKE A STEEL VISE...
SO YOU THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME? WHY-- YOU'VE GOT NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH IN YOUR HANDS! I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH! HA-HA-HA-HA!
YOU'VE HAD YOUR THREE WISHES, DEATH-MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME, BATMAN? HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUNISH A MAN DECLARED DEAD? I COULD MURDER YOU--AND NO LAW COULD TOUCH ME! BECAUSE-- HOW CAN YOU PROSECUTE A DEAD MAN? BE HONEST! ADMIT IT!
BE PATIENT... I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING!
IF YOU'RE TOO TIRED TO WALK TO JAIL-- I'LL CARRY YOU!
FOOL! I AND I ALONE--POSSESS THE POWER OF DEATH! YOU CAN NO MORE JAIL A SHADOW-- THAN--THAN M--UHHH...
NO HEARTBEAT! THIS IS A DREAM-- I'M GOING TO WAKE UP ANY MINUTE!
NO PULSE! IT--IT CAN'T BE HAPPENING AGAIN!
HE'S STILL GRINNING-- LIKE A VULTURE THAT HAD THE LAST LAUGH!

ONCE AGAIN, BATMAN KEEPS A CHILLING VIGIL...
HE REALLY DID IT! DEATH-MAN PULLED OFF THE GREATEST "ESCAPE" IN HISTORY! NOT ONCE--BUT TWICE!
WELL--THERE WON'T BE A THIRD TIME FOR HIM! SEEING IS BELIEVING! AND YOU'RE SEEING HIM--FOR THE LAST TIME!
CURTAIN GOING DOWN FOR GOOD THIS TIME! HIS ACT IS OVER!
AND NOBODY'S APPLAUDING FOR ENCORES!
THAT SAME NIGHT--THE MASKED PURSUER FINDS HIMSELF THE PURSUED--IN A NIGHTMARE...
FOOL! DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'VE CAPTURED ME?
YOU CAUGHT NOTHING BUT THE BLACK SHADOW OF DEATH--I CAN DRIFT RIGHT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS LIKE SMOKE--ANYTIME I WISH!
HA-HA-HA!
THE NEXT DAY... THE MILLIONAIRE SPORTSMAN SEEKS TO FORGET THE CHILLING SPECTRE IN A PARTY GIVEN BY ANOTHER WEALTHY MEMBER OF HIS SET...
AND NOW--FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT! A MAN BEING BURIED ALIVE! IT'S JUST THE TRICK TO LEARN, BRUCE--IF YOU WANT TO BE ALONE WITH ONE OF YOUR CUTIES!
HA!

AS MOMENTS LAPSE INTO MINUTES... AND MINUTES INTO HOURS...
DIG HIM UP, PLEASE! NOBODY COULD HAVE BEEN BURIED FOR SO LONG--AND STILL BE ALIVE!
WE SHALL SEE!
LOOK AT HIM! MOTIONLESS AS A WAX FLOWER!
YOU'VE GOT A CORPSE ON YOUR HANDS!
NO, SAHIBS! I ONLY APPEARED DEAD! I HAVE MASTERED THE ULTIMATE YOGI EXERCISE WHICH SLOWS UP BREATHING, PULSE, AND HEARTBEAT UNTIL LIFE ITSELF CAN NO LONGER BE DETECTED! I CAN REMAIN IN THIS STATE OF SUSPENDED ANIMATION, APPARENTLY DEAD--UNTIL I AM DUG UP AGAIN! I HAVE HEARD OF WESTERNERS WHO HAVE MASTERED THE ART OF APPEARING DEAD--IN MY COUNTRY!
EXCUSE ME, LADIES--IT'S TIME FOR MY EXERCISE! I'VE GOT A LITTLE DIGGING TO DO!
GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE AUTHORITIES, BATMAN AND ROBIN HURRY TO THE BROODING GRAVEYARD AS SINISTER DARKNESS FALLS... A WILD STORM ARISES..
--AND THAT'S HOW DEATH-MAN MADE HIS "ESCAPES"! HE MUST HAVE MASTERED THAT YOGI EXERCISE! WE PROBABLY GOT HERE AHEAD OF HIS GANG! SO--WHEN WE DIG HIM UP--THE ONLY "EXERCISE" HE'LL GET FROM NOW ON--IS THAT SHORT WALK TO THE ELECTRIC CHAIR--FOR THE KILLINGS HE DID! ROBIN--DID YOU HEAR ME?
HOW CAN I--WHEN MY HEART'S DOING THE WATUSI? I FEEL LIKE I'M IN A BORIS KARLOFF MOVIE--AND I'M THE VICTIM!
CRASH!
RUMBLE!

AS A LIGHTNING BOLT MAKES THE SCENE GLOW WITH A BALEFUL LIGHT...
EMPTY!-- DEATH-MAN "VACATED" HIS LEASE" EVEN SOONER THAN I EXPECTED!
LOOK! HE LEFT A "VALENTINE NOTE" BEHIND!
DEAR BATMAN: SINCE YOU SEEM TO BE SPENDING ALL YOUR SPARE TIME IN GRAVEYARDS LATELY--I'M "RESERVING" THIS "UNDERGROUND SUITE" EXCLUSIVELY FOR YOU!
DEATH-MAN!
ICY LAUGHTER SHRIEKS EVEN ABOVE THE WILD WIND AND THE LASH OF LIGHTNING..
HA-HA-HA! I KNEW YOU'D COME AROUND TO "HAUNT" ME AGAIN, BATMAN! SO NOW I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU A GENUINE GHOST!
POW!
POW!
BWEE!
ZINNG!
AS FLAMING LEAD SIZZLES BY...
ROBIN-- STEP TO THE REAR OF THE CAR, PLEASE!
BATMAN--YOU CAN'T USE YOURSELF AS A HUMAN SHIELD TO STOP THOSE BULLETS FROM REACHING ME! WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE-- SUPERMAN?
BEEOOW!
ZINNG!!
ZING!
UHHHH-- NO, ROBIN--I JUST FOUND OUT--I'M NOT!
ZING!
THUD!
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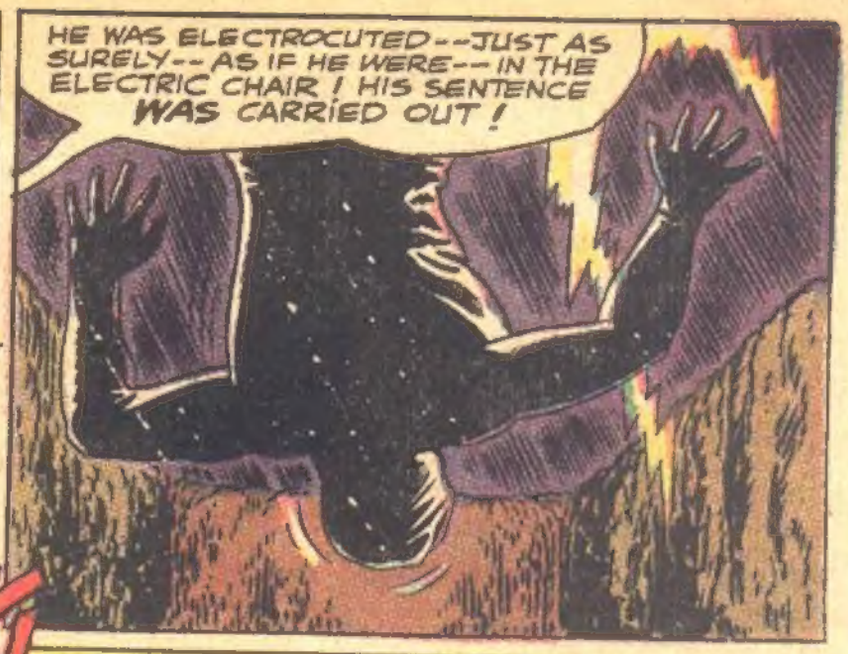
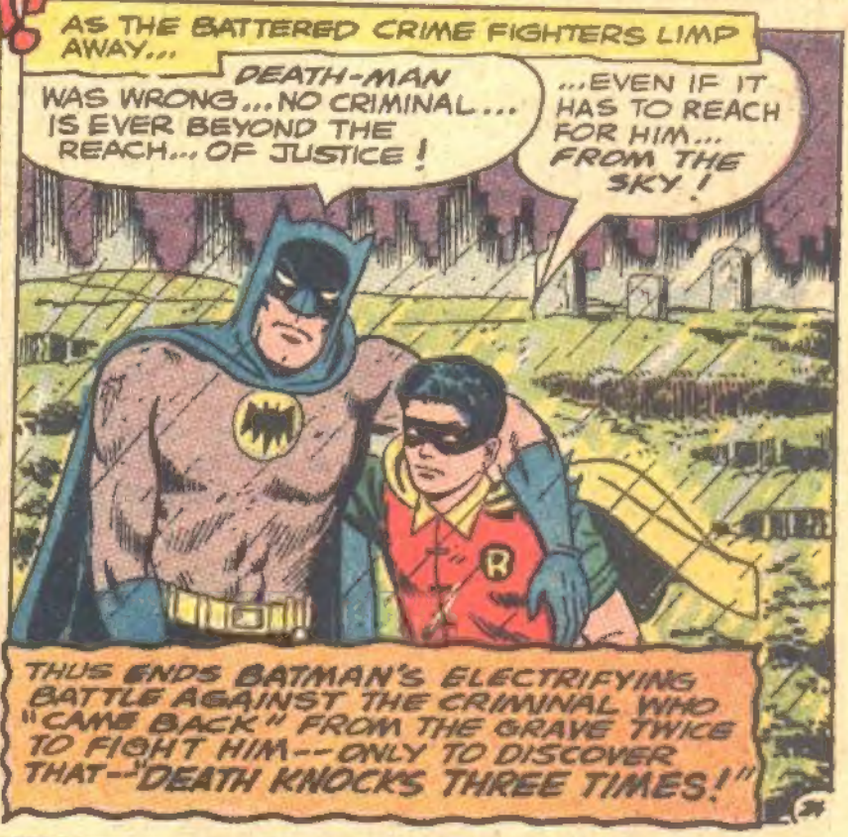
FIGHTING TO FORGET THE SEARING BULLET PAIN BLAZING INSIDE HIM--THE GOTHAM GANGBUSTER BARRELS INTO...
I'VE GOT TO PULL THE CARPET OUT FROM UNDER THESE HOODS...
SOCK!
--BEFORE THEY FIND OUT...
SOK!
--I'M SHOT--!
BOP!
POW!
DESPERATELY, THE WOUNDED BATMAN SENDS HIS RELENTLESS ADVERSARY HURTLING DOWN THE EMBANKMENT WITH HIM AS...
I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN SHOT, BATMAN! YOUR STRENGTH IS POURING OUT OF YOU LIKE SAND FROM AN HOUR GLASS! YOU'VE CHOSEN A GOOD PLACE FOR YOUR FINISH!
HA-HA-HA!
BARROOM!
THE FRENZIED OPPONENTS CANNONBALL INTO ROBIN...
UHHHPH...
THUD
VAINLY, BATMAN CALLS UPON HIS BLEEDING WILL...
I--I--CAN'T... MAKE... IT...
YOU WERE BEATEN FROM THE START, BATMAN--WHEN YOU DARED TO MATCH WITS WITH ME! NOW--YOU'LL LIVE ONLY UNTIL IT TAKES ME TO LOWER THIS GUN ON A LINE WITH YOUR HEAD! AND NO YOGI TRICK CAN SAVE YOU FROM DEATH!
HA-HA-HA-HA!




AS THE BATTERED CRIME FIGHTERS LIMP AWAY...
DEATH-MAN WAS WRONG... NO CRIMINAL... IS EVER BEYOND THE REACH... OF JUSTICE!
...EVEN IF IT HAS TO REACH FOR HIM... FROM THE SKY!
THUS ENDS BATMAN'S ELECTRIFYING BATTLE AGAINST THE CRIMINAL WHO "CAME BACK" FROM THE GRAVE TWICE TO FIGHT HIM--ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT--"DEATH KNOCKS THREE TIMES!"

STILL TOPS 'EM ALL!
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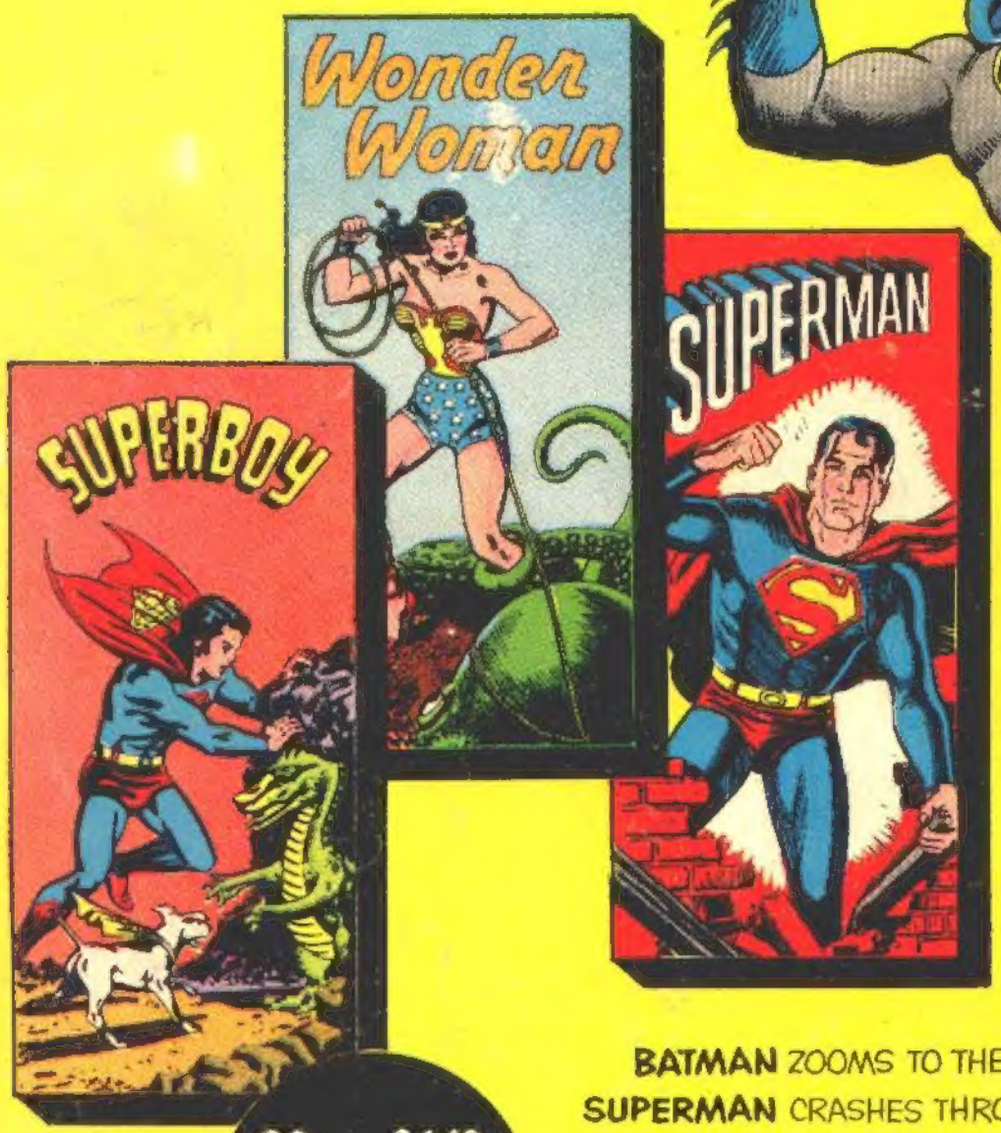

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